

FITZGERALD-WILLIAMS-GREER FAMILY PAPERS
1821-1904

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INTRODUCTION

Fitzgerald-Williams-Greer Family Papers, 1821-1904, is a small collection contained in one Hollinger box. The collection includes correspondence, genealogical material, biographical data, a family Bible record, estate settlements, land records, law licenses, judgeship commissions, slave records, an account book and a cabinet card photograph of Col. Robert Crockett, son of David Crockett. The original collection, consisting of about 25 documents, donated by Jane Greer Puckett, was processed in 1968 and titled Fitzgerald Family Papers. In 1997, Ms. Puckett donated approximately 7 additional documents pertaining to the Greer family and requested that those documents be included in the Fitzgerald Family collection. As a result, the collection was re-processed into its present form.

There are no restrictions on the use of materials in this collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The documents contained in the Fitzgerald-Williams-Greer Family Papers, 1821-1904 consist of correspondence spanning the years 1821 through 1886. The materials are arranged by family, with correspondence first. There are two sources of slave records in this collection. One document of particular interest is the Account Book of A. P. Greer. Entries in this book include slave holdings by family grouping, ages of the family members, a monetary value assessed to each individual slave, and a total monetary value assessed to each family group. Other entries in this account book include records of financial loans and payments due Mr. Greer and payments made to settle the estate of James Greer. Documents pertaining to the legal careers of William Fitzgerald and Isaac B. Williams include election certificates, Attorney General and judgeship appointments, and appointments to the bar. Other documents include an estate settlement of William Fitzgerald, the family Bible record page of Isaac B. Williams, an obituary of David Searcy Greer, and biographical data of James Greer. Photo copies of genealogical materials can be found in folder number 35. Land records in this collection include a deed for property purchased by B. H. Hobbs in the town of Lafayette. Other land records include two land grants in Henry County dated 1841 and 1845. There is one cabinet card photograph in the collection of Col. Robert Crockett, the son of David Crockett. A high school history report by Beverly Puckett on the life of William Fitzgerald was included in the donation and has been retained. Photocopies of certain pages of the book, *History of Henry County Commands in the Confederate Army*, are included because they contain margin notations in the hand of Fitzgerald Williams. The copy of the book with the original notations is in the possession of the donor, however, a copy can be found in the collection of the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

The original collection, known as "Fitzgerald Family Papers, 1809-1886" contained a large number of photocopied documents with the originals retained by the donor. In 1997, the donor, Ms. Jane Greer Puckett, donated the original documents to replace most of the photocopies and added additional documents pertaining to the Greer family. At the request of the donor, the collection was re-named and re-processed.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Fitzgerald

1799	Aug. 6, Born at Tobacco Port, Charles Co., Maryland
ca. 1806	Moved with father to Dover, Tennessee
1821	Admitted to the bar, Dover, Tennessee
1822	Married Elizabeth Wells who was born near Clarksville, Tennessee
1822-1825	Clerk of the Circuit Court of Stewart County, Tennessee
1825-1827	Member, Tennessee State Legislature
1826	Served as Attorney General of the 16th Judicial Circuit of Tennessee
1831-1833	Elected as a Jackson Democrat to the 22nd Congress
1832	Unsuccessful candidate for re-election; moved to Paris, Tennessee
1845-1861	Served as judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Tennessee
1864	March, died in Paris, Tennessee, and is buried in the Fitzgerald cemetery near Paris

John Fitzgerald

ca. 1801	Born probably at Port Tobacco, Charles County, Maryland
ca. 1806	Moved with father to Dover, Tennessee
	Postmaster of Nashville, Tennessee
	Appointed Inspector of Customs, New Orleans, Louisiana
	Spent rest of his life in New Orleans; at one time he was editor of the New Orleans <i>Picayune</i> newspaper

Isaac B. Williams

1813	Born at Fountain Head, Sumner County, Tennessee
ca. 1821	Moved with family to Paris, Tennessee
1836	Licensed to practice law
1841	Married Adeline Fitzgerald, daughter of William Fitzgerald
1844	Elected Attorney General for the Ninth Judicial District of Tennessee
1854	Elected Chancellor of 3rd Western Chancery Division
1861	Stricken with paralysis
1864	Upon death of William Fitzgerald, appointed Judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit by Gov. Isham G. Harris
1871	Died in Paris, Tennessee

Fitzgerald Williams

- 1842 March 29, born in Paris, Tennessee
- 1861 Enlisted in Co., F of the 154th (Senior) Regiment, later commanded by his uncle, Edward Fitzgerald
- 1862 The regiment was re-organized and he returned home with an Honorable Discharge
- 1862 (?) Rejoined his old command
- 1862 (?) Detailed to suppress guerrillas in western Tennessee
- 1865 Returned to Paris, Tennessee; farmed and read law again
- 1870 Licensed to practice law
- 1917 Died in Paris, Tennessee

CONTAINER LIST

BOX NUMBER 1

FOLDER NUMBER:

Fitzgerald Family Documents

1. Correspondence--Fitzgerald, E. A. to Husband
2. Correspondence--Fitzgerald, Edward to Parents
3. Correspondence--Elizabeth Fitzgerald from Heiskell, William B.
4. Correspondence--Fitzgerald, John to Fitzgerald, William
5. Correspondence--Fitzgerald, Sarah to William Fitzgerald
6. Correspondence--Fitzgerald, William to Wife
7. Correspondence--Fitzgerald, William (Crutcher through Williams)
8. Commission--Judgeship--William Fitzgerald
9. Election Certificate-- William Fitzgerald
10. Estate Settlement-- William Fitzgerald
11. Law Licenses--William Fitzgerald, Aquilla P. Greer, Isaac B. Williams
12. School Report--Puckett, Beverly, "William Fitzgerald: A Jacksonian-Democrat"

Williams Family Documents

13. Correspondence--Williams, Adeline from Isham G. Harris
14. Correspondence--Williams, Fitzgerald to Parents
15. Correspondence--Williams, Isaac B. (Finiman through Williams)
16. Correspondence--Williams, Rachel to cousin Emma
17. Invitation--Williams, Bell
18. Margin Notes--Williams, Fitzgerald
19. Commission--Attorney General-- Williams, Issac B.
20. Deposit Receipt--Williams, Issac B.
21. Election Certificate--Williams, Isaac B.
22. Family Bible Record--Williams, Isaac B.
23. Judgment for Murder--Williams, Issac B.
24. Oath of Allegiance Extension, 1862--Williams, Isaac B.
25. Receipts--Williams, J. B., 1859-1863

CONTAINER LIST (CONTINUED)

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Greer Family Documents

- 26. Correspondence--Greer, Arable to Adeline and Belle Williams
- 27. Correspondence--Greer, C. Wells to cousin Bell
- 28. Correspondence--Greer, E. to A. P. Greer
- 29. Correspondence--Greer, H. to Brother
- 30. Correspondence--Greer, Rachel Bracken to I. B. Williams
- 31. Account Book--Greer, A. P. (Register of slave families and loans)
- 32. Obituary--Greer, David Searcy
- 33. Biographical Data--Greer, James

Related Family Documents

- 34. Slave Bills of Sale, 1845-1863
- 35. Genealogical Material--Fitzgerald, Williams, and Greer families
- 36. Deed--B. H. Hobbs
- 37. Land Grants--Boyd and Ogden
- 38. Photograph--Col. Robert Crockett, son of David